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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC  
FROM: Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA  
SUBJECT: Comments on OPIC Paper Presented by ☐ 25X1A

1. The paper is well presented from the DOD standpoint. It serves well to emphasize again that DOD (or a faction thereof) does not hold NPIC in very high esteem. Adoption of this paper would remove NPIC from the initial exploitation scene, and probably relieve NPIC of any responsibility for National readouts.

2. It would be interesting to know what references a., b., and c. are. One must assume that NSCID No. 8 may be proposed to be "cancelled and superceded".

3. Paragraph 3, page 1: Two OPIC's and two carriers are to be responsible for providing "the most expeditious processing and reporting of nationally programmed photographic reconnaissance missions"---. "These centers will be responsible, primarily, for meeting the requirements of the (TS) National Requirements Program and, secondarily, the requirements of their respective Unified Command." By definition then DOD could handle all non-KH readout overseas. However, aren't the primary and secondary responsibilities reversed? Isn't field readout primarily required to meet the immediate tactical needs of field commands? With the establishment of PACPIC and LANTPIC (the two carrier processing and interpretation centers) provision is made for "the most expeditious processing and reporting" of KH materials. Who needs NPIC?

4. Paragraph 5c. page 2 (NPIC): NPIC seems destined to become the new Special-Industrial - Graphics Register for DOD Overseas Processing and Interpretation Centers.

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5. Paragraph d.(2), page 3: The Defense Intelligence Agency will "act as the agent for (S) NRO, COMOR, and NPIC as the point of contact between the intelligence community and the [redacted]"

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Not once in the entire paper is CIA even mentioned. [redacted]  
for whatever need remains, would apparently be DIA operated.

6. Paragraph 7, page 4: This broad statement could negate our own commo assets.

7. On page 2, paragraph 5a. under "Missions" NRO will direct the Overseas Processing and Interpretation Centers in the processing, reproduction, and reporting on reconnaissance missions. Does this have a familiar ring?

NRO will "Provide the designated OPIC, Theater Command, and DIA timely mission alerting information, as required". Apparently then DIA, as the agent between NRO and the intelligence community, would pass on necessary information to NPIC. Again, CIA isn't even alluded to!

8. In conclusion it is suggested that somewhere, someone should question the necessity for immediate field readout "primarily for meeting the requirements of the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program and, secondarily, the requirements of their respective Unified Command." Tactical and Strategic needs are all mixed up together. Is an IPIR on COMOR targets needed from the field? Or, is the need only for a small, well qualified team to scan (in the field) for pressing tactical (threat-type) intelligence -- with the COMOR - IPIR, MCI's and detailed reporting to be done at NPIC?

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